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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Jose FEDIDA Group Art Unit 3738

Appln. No.: 09/526,547 Examiner B. BUI

Filed: March 16, 2000

For: STRUCTURE OF A PROSTHESIS INTENDED TO BE IMPLANTED
IN A HUMAN OR ANIMAL PASSAGE AND PROSTHESIS WITH
SUCH A STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Final Rejection mailed January 15, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

B | --15. The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of
said links is provided with (a) a single central portion, and (b)
at each of the ends of said single central portion, with an end
portion which is in the shape of an arc of a circle prior to
forming said link and which forms a closed loop in a linking
position after said link is formed, and wherein each of the two
closed loops of each of said links entraps, in said linking
position, with said clearance, said respective one of said two of
said corrugations which are to be linked together.